

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 16, 1900.

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THE LAST OF DUTCH REPUBLICS

Field Marshal Roberts' Triumphant Ride to Bloemfontein.

RAISING OF UNION JACK

Flag Made by Lady Roberts for the Purpose Hoisted Over Government Buildings—Looting by Kafirs Stopped—Proof That Life and Property Will Be Guaranteed by the British—Little Opposition to the Occupation of the Town. Main Body of the Army Kept Outside.

London, March 15.—At precisely 1.30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon a British Union Jack, made for the purpose by Lady Roberts, was hoisted over the presidency at Bloemfontein amidst the acclamations of the commander in chief's battalions, in which, curiously enough, the Orange Free State burghers appear to have joined with remarkable heartiness.

The opposition to the entry of the British troops into the capital was insignificant. Boers were found occupying a few hills south of the place, but a few shells drove them out, and at 10 o'clock in the morning some newspaper correspondents entered the town, found Mr. Frazer and other officials and guided them to where Lord Roberts stood on top of a hill, waiting for them.

As spokesman, Mr. Frazer asked protection for life and property, and surrendered the keys.

Lord Roberts, accompanied by his staff, rode at the head of a cavalcade a mile long to the presidency. Along the route he received an ovation which culminated in a remarkable demonstration at the market square. Arriving at the government buildings Lord Roberts took possession of the city in the name of the queen, and then repaired to the presidency, where the ceremony of hoisting the Union Jack ended forever, according to universal opinion here, the Boer government of the Free State.

No Looting Allowed.

During his progress through the town Lord Roberts ordered and the instant replacement of goods which were being looted from the artillery barracks by Kafirs, thus giving the populace an earnest of the treatment they might expect from the victors.

President Steyn fled to Kroonstad without saying a word to Lord Roberts' demand for his surrender, and the commander-in-chief remarked afterward, during the course of conversation, while breakfasting at the farm of President Steyn's brother, that the "ex-president" had "become a nonentity."

Events Are Satisfactory.

London, March 15.—A m.—Events are moving in the South African campaign in a speedy and satisfactory manner from both the military and political points of view. It could hardly have been expected by the most sanguine Englishmen that they would take a turn so favorable. It appears that when Major Weston cut the railway north of Bloemfontein he thereby intercepted General Joubert, who, far from having retired from the campaign, was then coming southward with 3,000 men, presumably to surrender the defense. Joubert's march works three miles long had been prepared outside the town.

No Boer wounded were left in Bloemfontein. When asked the reason by Lord Roberts, Mr. Frazer replied: "The burghers don't like fish and they would not care to go to Cape Town."

The evidence goes to show that so far as the southern part of the Free State is concerned there will be no further resistance. It is understood that Mr. Frazer, Mr. Wessels and other leaders are quite prepared to accept the position of a self-governing British colony.

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The prisoners will be arraigned separately and it is thought that ball will be granted to two of them by consent of the commonwealth.

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Maine Monument Unveiled.

Key West, Fla., March 15.—The unveiling of the monument dedicated by citizens of Key West to the heroes of the battle of Maine which died in Havana Bay, February 15, 1898, and were buried here, took place this afternoon. Over 10,000 people were present and viewed the procession of military and naval representatives and civic societies.

INTERVENTION CORRESPONDENCE

TELEGRAMS FROM CONSUL AND SECRETARY OF STATE.

The First Request for Intervention Comes from Pretoria—Consul May Promptly Forward the Request to the Home Department—The Politic Refusal of Great Britain.

Washington, March 15.—In response to a resolution the president today sent to the senate the correspondence relating to the requests for mediation in South Africa.

The first document is a dispatch from Pretoria dated March 10, which states: "An official request by the governments of the republics to urge your intervention with the British government in their behalf; similar request made to representatives of European powers. Answer, confirm receipt."

American Consul.

FRANCE HAS HAD ENOUGH

Many Hard Knocks Has Convinced Her of the Folly of Looking for Trouble Away from Home.

Paris, March 15.—The minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, in the senate today, replying to a question regarding the intentions of the government of France respecting events in South Africa, said the presidents of the two republics had solicited the intervention of the powers. "But," he added, "in the presence of telegrams exchanged between the British government and the two republics, it appeared that the intervention of the powers had become almost impossible." The minister then denied that France had refused to join Russia in making a friendly suggestion in the direction of peace.

SWINDLED OUT OF \$100,000.

Franze Mayer Bought Worthless Stock.

New York, March 15.—Franze Mayer, a well-known resident of this city, who owned a sign manufacturing company, which he valued at \$100,000, says he has been swindled out of it, and today caused the arrest of Hugh Mason, thirty-five years old, and John Van Zandt, fifty years of age, both of this city. Mayer and his lawyer allege the men are members of the Ellen Peck's gang. The men were held in \$10,000 bail.

Mayer says he determined to organize a stock company to take care of his business, and his confidential clerk introduced to him a man named Van Zandt as a man who could buy stock in the company. He said he sold \$36,000 worth of stock in exchange for deeds for 10,000 acres of coal and woodland on the Sandy river, Kentucky. The men, he declares, said the land gave her 10,000 shares of stock for 3,000 acres of grazing land in Bosque county, Texas. Mayer says the others met after they had taken his stock and voted him out of the company. He declares the company went into the hands of a sheriff and was reorganized. He says he found his land and deeds worth nothing whatever.

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REITZ'S REFUTATION OF SALISBURY

A REPLY TO THE BLOEMFONTEIN NOTE.

State Secretary of the Transvaal Republic Claims That the British Government Endeavored by Threats to Force Changes in the Internal Government Contrary to the London Convention.

Pretoria, Wednesday, March 15.—State Secretary Reitz' refutation of Lord Salisbury's arguments in reply to the Bloemfontein joint note was issued today. Mr. Reitz says: "The British government, endeavored to enforce by threats certain changes in the internal government of the Transvaal republic, contrary to the London convention. They also imported troops in great numbers and broke up negotiations, and threatened to take their own means to remove the grievances of their subjects. After waiting a fortnight, until an army corps was prepared and the reserves were being called out by the British, President Steyn asked the reason of these proceedings. Sir Alfred Milner refused to reply."

WITNESS MISSING.

Dr. Blackwood, Who Was to Testify in Daley Case, Has Disappeared.

Pittsburg, March 15.—Dr. William R. D. Blackwood, the well known Philadelphia physician, who was to testify in the now celebrated Daley inquest before the coroner, is missing. He disappeared rather strangely after the hearing yesterday afternoon. He was to have gone back to Philadelphia by his assistant, Dr. C. B. Knorr, but not on the train at East Liberty last night.

Francis T. Tobin, the Philadelphia attorney, who brought him here, was seen and asked if he had yet heard of the missing physician. He said: "I have not. I do not know where he is and I am so far from quite unable to find out. I have telegraphed to Philadelphia and they have started out to hunt him there by this time I presume, but I have had no news yet. He did not come back last night to the hotel (the Schenley), nor was he on either section of the train he was to have taken. The inquiry at the East Liberty station says he did not pass there last night. They are quite sure of that. The police department of this city has heard nothing of him. In short he has completely disappeared. I am greatly alarmed about him, for I am unable to form a conjecture as to his whereabouts and I even fear that some ill may have befallen him."

The police department has not yet been able to locate the missing man.

Philadelphia, March 15.—Dr. William R. D. Blackwood, of this city, who went to Pittsburgh to testify in the Daley inquest, and who is reported to be missing, is at his home in this city, he having arrived from Pittsburgh today. Dr. Blackwood says he left Pittsburgh earlier than he expected to, and the rumors of disappearance probably arose from that fact.

M. B. CONFERENCE AT PHILADELPHIA

Bishops Fowler, Hurst and Rev. W. F. McDowell Deliver Addresses. Clergymen Advised to Marry.

Philadelphia, March 15.—At today's session of the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference the committee on the M. B. conference at certain whether the law of the church is in harmony with the law of this state on the control and disposition of church property, made a unanimous report. The committee found that the two laws are at variance, and recommended the conference to memorialize the general conference for an amendment of the church discipline as to conform to the law of the state.

Rev. J. S. J. McConnell, D. D., opposed the adoption of the report on the ground that an appeal should first be made to the state legislature to change the law. Further consideration of the report was postponed until a later day.

It was announced that the following second year probationers had successfully passed the examination and were competent to be admitted as members of the church: Charles H. Hays, Hartford, Conn.; Tower Hill; William E. Coffman; Parryville; Thomas W. Davis, Philadelphia; Alfred S. Dingo, Belfry; Francis Hawke, Tullytown; Roger S. Harkinson, Philadelphia; Frank Mack, Fremont; Samuel MacWilliams, Wayne; Charles P. Hays, Philadelphia; Fred A. Warden, Millersville; and Charles B. White, Lima. They were addressed by Bishop Fowler on the duties of clergyman and all were advised to marry. They will be admitted to the conference tomorrow.

Bishop Fowler, D. D., was presented to the conference by the Rev. W. F. McDowell, and called attention to the convention to be held by the Methodists of the state at Harrisburg in the fall. He asked that the conference elect delegates to that gathering. The matter was referred to the presiding elders, who will name a special committee to arrange for the selection of delegates. The morning session was closed with a benediction pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Boyle, presiding elder of the Pittsburgh conference.

This afternoon the anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society was celebrated by the church at Harrisburg. Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, president of the New York branch, who spoke of her eighteen years' work as a missionary in China.

Bishop Hurst and the Rev. W. E. McDowell delivered addresses tonight in the church at Harrisburg.

STEEL WORKERS DISAPPOINTED

Sales Sheets Do Not Entitle Them to Increased Wages.

Pittsburg, March 15.—The delayed conference regarding the wages of the workers of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Plate Workers, who are employed in the sheet mills, was held here today. An examination of the sworn sales sheets of the manufacturers was made, and a conclusion was reached that the sheet mill workers are entitled to no increase in wages, as sales were made at the same figures as were submitted at the settlement two months ago.

This is a disappointment to the workers, who expected an advance in view of the fact that market quotations have indicated better prices.

Rhode Island Democrats.

Providence, R. I., March 15.—The Democratic state convention met today for the nomination of state officers and the selection of delegates to the Democratic national convention. Following are the nominations: Governor, N. W. Littlefield; lieutenant governor, Dr. J. R. Duer; secretary of state, Charles Porter; general treasurer, Fayette Bartlett; attorney general, Dennis J. Holland.

Miners Discuss Wage Scale.

Altoona, Pa., March 15.—The Pennsylvania and Maryland coal miners held an executive session this morning behind closed doors. The entire time was occupied by a discussion of the wage scale, which was finally adopted. A committee of twenty-five was elected to represent operators and arrange methods of procedure for a joint convention of miners and operators.

ENCOUNTER IN SENATE

Senators Gallinger and Penrose in Hot Debate.

BRIEF MISUNDERSTANDING

The Senator from New Hampshire Accused of Obstructing the Quay Case—Mr. Wellington, of Maryland, Presents an Elaborate Argument Against the Seating of the Pennsylvania Senator.

Washington, March 15.—"I assert most emphatically that when the senator says I told him that I should not speak on this subject he does not state the truth."

This was the sensational retort made in the senate today by Mr. Gallinger (Rep., N. H.) to a statement just made by Mr. Penrose (Rep., Pa.).

Senators were astounded and the auditors in the galleries quivered with excitement. They had scarcely been the slightest intimation that the debate would take such a turn. For nearly three hours the senate had under discussion the bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the benefit of the people of Puerto Rico. Mr. Fairbanks (Ind.) had just concluded some remarks on the measure and suggested that the senate proceed to the consideration of executive business.

Pending a motion to that effect, Mr. Penrose, who has charge of the case of Senator Quay, suggested that a time be fixed for a vote on the case. In the course of his remarks he intimated that certain senators were throwing obstacles in the way of a vote and indicated that Mr. Gallinger was one of those senators.

Mr. Gallinger quietly replied that he desired to be heard on the question, but had not had an opportunity to speak. To this statement Mr. Penrose retorted that the New Hampshire senator had assured him that he did not expect to speak on the Quay case.

"Instantly Mr. Gallinger was on his feet, and, with evident feeling and with great vehemence, replied as above quoted.

"I don't know whether I do not speak the truth," hotly replied Mr. Penrose, "or whether the senator from New Hampshire failed to tell me the truth."

Mr. Gallinger retorted that the whole proceeding of Mr. Penrose was unmanly and beneath his notice.

The proposition to fix a time for a vote was postponed until tomorrow, but it was some time before the excitement subsided between the Gallinger and Penrose. The bill had developed a decided difference of opinion, as Mr. Jones (Dem., Ark.) offered as a substitute for the measure a bill to return the duties to those who had paid them and provided for absolute free trade between the United States and Puerto Rico. The bill had not been disposed of when the Quay case was called up. Mr. Wellington (Rep., Md.), presented an elaborate argument against the seating of Mr. Quay and the remainder of the session was consumed in a running discussion of the constitutional questions involved.

WELLINGTON'S ARGUMENT.

Mr. Wellington (Md.) presented an elaborate argument against the seating of Mr. Quay, holding that as the legislature of Pennsylvania was in session, when the vacancy occurred and that the legislature has endeavored to fill the vacancy by taking many ballots, the government was stopped from making an appointment.

Mr. Wellington maintained that the governor of Pennsylvania ought to have called together the legislature of the state, as had the governor of California, for the purpose of electing a senator. He pointed to the fact that California was now represented in the senate by its two senators.

"Had the governor of Pennsylvania done likewise," said Mr. Wellington, "either Mr. Quay would now be seated here with a full right and title to his seat, or some other citizen of the great commonwealth of Pennsylvania would be here in his stead." Personally, he said, he would be glad to have Mr. Quay in the senate, but in view of the constitution and the precedents he felt that he could not vote for his admission.

At the conclusion of Mr. Wellington's speech a running colloquy on the constitutional questions involved in the Quay case was participated in, the participants being Mr. Spooner, Mr. Wellington, Mr. Burrows and Mr. Allen.

The senate then adjourned until tomorrow.

Ten Thousand Dollar Blaze.

Phillipsburg, N. J., March 15.—Fire early this morning destroyed the barn of Howard Mellick, at Stewartville, a few miles below here. Five horses, six cows, one hundred and fifty chickens, and twelve bees perished, and two wagons, sleighs and in fact nearly all the contents of the building were destroyed. The loss will be about \$10,000.

Aguinaldo's Son Dead.

Manila, March 15, 5.30 p. m.—Flores, Aguinaldo's secretary of war, has surrendered to General MacArthur. Aguinaldo's infant son, who was captured in November, and who has been suffering from smallpox, is dead.

Mrs. Burnett Married Again.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—A cablegram today received here announces the marriage of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, author of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," to Stephen Townsend, F. R. C. S., of the Inner Temple, Continental club, London.

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War Loan Passed.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: SHOW OR SLEET.

- 1 General—Senators Penrose and Gallinger Have a War of Words.
- 2 Lord Robert at Bloemfontein.
- 3 Correspondence Relating to Requests for Mediation.
- 4 Secretary Reitz Refutes Salisbury's Arguments.
- 5 General—Northern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.
- 6 Local—Methodist Missionary Workers Meet.
- 7 Work of a Day in the Local Courts.
- 8 Editorial.
- 9 News and Comment.
- 10 Local—United States District Court Doings.
- 11 Routine Business Transacted by Select Council.
- 12 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
- 13 Round About the County.
- 14 Theatrical Gossip.
- 15 Local—Live Industrial News.

DELAWARE VALLEY RAILROAD STRUGGLE

Testimony Presented by the Opposition to the New Line.

New York, March 15.—Additional testimony was presented to the state railroad commission today in opposition to the application of the Delaware Valley and Kingston Railway company for permission to construct a railroad along the route of the abandoned Delaware and Hudson canal.

The applicants have brought delegates from every village and town along the proposed route to urge the construction of the new road, and Mr. Platt, counsel for the opposition, has promised to bring like delegations in opposition.

Today a large number of witnesses from towns along the route of the proposed road were heard in opposition.

Francis La Bau, general freight agent of the West Shore and Wall Kill Valley railroad, presented a statement of the freight traffic of the roads he represented. The statement showed that about 1,200,000 tons of coal and cement would annually be diverted from his roads to the proposed road.

A. E. Rodgers, president of the Port Jervis, Monticello and New York Railway company, said the road, with its Summerville branch, is in first-class condition now, and the construction of the new road, which is to tap the territory served by the branch line, would work its ruin.

WHEELER'S PURPOSE.

Will Urge the Acceptance of His Resignation.

Atlanta, Ga., March 15.—General Joe Wheeler was in Atlanta a couple of hours today, on his way to Washington.

"As soon as I get to Washington, I shall urge the acceptance of my resignation, and then I shall put myself before the bar of the house of representatives to take the oath of office," he said.

The general did not say what steps he would take if his right to take the oath is questioned.

Knocked Out by Sharkey.

Hartford, Conn., March 15.—Tom Sharkey knocked out Texas Jim McCormick after thirty-eight seconds of fighting in the Coliseum tonight before the Nutmeg Athletic club. A left to the body and a right hand uppercut sent McCormick down and out and he was groggy when he was assisted to his feet. He did not stand a chance against the sailor.

Charles Adams Killed.

Cincinnati, March 15.—Charles Adams, a passenger agent for the Union Pacific, with offices in this city, was shot and killed tonight by his wife in their apartment. Mrs. Adams, when she learned that her husband had been habitually cruel. Tonight at supper, she said, he struck her and knocked her down.

Boer Sympathizers Meet.

New York, March 15.—There was a mass meeting of Boer sympathizers at Cooper union tonight at which George M. Van Housen presided. Montague White, the Boer representative, John E. Mitchell and P. Louie Vessels, a representative of the Orange Free State, made speeches.

Big Tin Plate Plant.

Sharon, Pa., March 15.—The Sharon Steel company has awarded the contract for the erection of a ten-million tin plate plant to R. Newbold & Co., of Norristown, Pa. The mill will contain ten hot and nine cold rolls and will furnish employment to several hundred men. The work of erection will begin soon.

New National Banks.

Washington, March 15.—Applications for authority to organize national banks have been approved by the comptroller of the currency for the First National bank of Wyalusing, Pa., capital \$25,000, and the Belleville National bank, Belleville, Pa., capital \$25,000.

Ex-Judge Fullerton Dead.

New York, March 15.—Ex-Judge William Fullerton, who was one of the law-ymen in the great trial of the Bescher-Tilton scandal case, died at his home in Newburgh today, aged 83 years. Judge Fullerton was at one time a law partner of Charles O'Connor.

Agriculture Board at Lock Haven.

Lock Haven, Pa., March 15.—The members of the local advisory committee received word today that the state board of agriculture will hold the summer meeting at Lock Haven June 5, 6 and 7. The windup of the farmers' institutes will be held at the same time.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

The March Blizzard Is Felt Throughout the Land.

Washington, March 15.—The depression which was central in the Gulf states Wednesday night has developed into a severe storm, which is central tonight in Southern South Carolina. It has caused general rains in the south, with some snow in the upper portion of the Gulf states, general and heavy snow in the Ohio, middle and Middle Atlantic States and lighter snow in Southern New England, the lake regions, the lower Ohio and middle Mississippi valleys. Warnings of heavy snow storms were distributed Thursday morning in Ohio, West Virginia, the lower Ohio region, middle Atlantic states and Southern New England. In the west, generally fair weather has prevailed, except some snow in Eastern Colorado, in Kansas and Northern New Mexico. Temperatures were everywhere low east of the mountains, except in the Ohio Valley and Atlantic coast, there having been a decided fall in the middle Atlantic and freezing temperature as far north as Georgia. Temperature have also fallen in the north and west, but not to so great an extent. In the Pacific coast and along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, the weather has been fair, with somewhat higher temperature.

Snow will continue generally Saturday in the middle Atlantic states and snow or rain, followed by clearing weather in the south Atlantic states. There will also be some clearing in the eastern lower lake region; elsewhere generally fair weather is indicated, and on Saturday the weather will be mostly fair, except on the New England coast, where snow will likely continue. There will be a cold wave Friday near the south coast of the Gulf of Mexico, with temperatures near the freezing point. It will continue cold elsewhere, but on Saturday temperatures will rise west of the Mississippi river.

On the New England and middle Atlantic coasts the winds will be high northwesterly, shifting to northeasterly Saturday or Saturday night, while on the south coast they will be high northwesterly on Friday.

Storm signals are displayed on the Florida gulf coast and along the entire Atlantic coast.

Cold wave signals are displayed at Wilmington, Augusta, Charleston, Macon, Montgomery, Pensacola, Mobile and New Orleans.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 15.—Arrived: H. H. Meier, from Bremen; Sailed: Puerto Bismarck, for Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Rotterdam—Arrived: Rotterdam, from New York via Plymouth; Queenstown—Sailed: Tonic, for New York; Bremen—Arrived: Saale, from New York; New York—Arrived: Lahn, from Bremen; Culf, from Liverpool; Queenstown—Arrived: Germania, from New York; Sailed: L'Aquitane, for Havre.

District of Columbia Appropriations.

Washington, March 15.—The District of Columbia appropriation bill carrying \$2,000,000 was passed by the house today. It was the only bill passed during the session of the House today. The bill was introduced by Representative F. Hays and was reported to the House by the committee on appropriations. The bill provides for the construction of a new experimental station and normal school purposes.

Pennsylvania Postmasters.

Washington, March 15.—The following fourth class Pennsylvania postmasters were appointed today: Conoverville, Sullivan county, J. L. Snyder; Glensville, Toga county, A. W. Stratton; South Williamsport, Lycoming county, Charles Roamer.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 15.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: For eastern Pennsylvania, snow or sleet and continued cold Friday; Saturday, fine, high northwesterly and twelve hours of sun; Friday night.